

# Beyond the Recycling Bin Reuse, Resale & Donation



## At Work

### ■ Circulate Wisely

Circulate documents by email or single draft copy for department members to sign-off on. Also, use inter-office circulation envelopes to send documents inter-departmentally. Standard circulation envelopes can be reused at least 50 times each!

### ■ Purchase Reusables

Purchase reusable office products such as refillable pens, erasable white boards and reusable wall calendars.

### ■ Store it for later

Exchange or store unused furniture and office supplies as these items may come in handy later. Consider a storage closet for surplus supplies such as bulletin boards, paper trays, desk organizers, etc.

## Make A Difference

A recent report by the California Integrated Waste Management Board showed that Los Gatos Residents produce an average of 3.9 pounds of waste per person, per day.

If each Los Gatos Resident could divert 2 pounds of waste per week, for 1 year, together we could prevent over 635 tons of waste from going to our landfill!

Reuse, resale and donation are great options when it comes to waste diversion. In 2008 over 1.5 tons of goods were donated at the Town's Second Chance Day Donation Drive. These items benefitted local shelters and non-profits instead of becoming waste.

## At Home

### ■ Recycling through Resale

On Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Town of Los Gatos and City of Monte Sereno will hold their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Garage Sale. Every year, this event diverts waste from our landfills and provides the community an opportunity to sell unwanted items, and find bargains on lots of great stuff. For more information and a list of sale locations including a map, visit:

[www.LosGatosCA.Gov/GarageSale](http://www.LosGatosCA.Gov/GarageSale)

### ■ Second Chance Donations

Give your neglected and unused items a second chance by donating them to one of the several local non-profit organizations or at the Town's Second Chance Day Donation Drive on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Los Gatos Neighborhood Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit our website for a list of accepted donation items, event information, or to volunteer at Second Chance Day.

[www.LosGatosCA.Gov/SecondChance](http://www.LosGatosCA.Gov/SecondChance)

### ■ Get Creative

Before you put something in the trash or recycle bin, think creatively. Is there another use for the item? Could someone else benefit from it? A clean oatmeal container covered with stickers or contact paper makes a great pencil container.

For a list of local agencies that accept specific donation items, visit [www.LosGatosCA.Gov/GarageSale](http://www.LosGatosCA.Gov/GarageSale) and click on *Resale and Reuse Resources*

Looking for creative Reuse ideas? Check out these links:

<http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/photos/0,,20281115,00.html>

<http://www.recycling-revolution.com/reuse-trash-ideas.html>

<http://earth911.com/reuse/get-those-reuse-ideas-flowing/>

## Links

